



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



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Public Information Office

Date: April 23, 2008

Ward 1 – House Fire – 3000 Block of S. Kennedy Park Hills

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Dispatch time – 1458

On-scene time – 1501

Under control – 1508

Two children were home alone when they smelled smoke and saw a fire in the kitchen. The 11-year-old boy evacuated with his 8-year-old brother and called 911. 21 firefighters arrived on scene and extinguished the fire in 7 minutes. There was \$20,000 damage and no injuries were reported. This accidental fire was caused by a burner from the gas stove being in the on-position, probably from having been bumped. This family of five will be staying with relatives until damages are repaired.

Safety Message: The big brother did exactly what we would like everyone to do when a fire is recognized. More specifically, exit the home safely and call 911 immediately. Wait until the fire department arrives and never ever go back inside for anything. If someone is still inside, tell the firefighters their approximate location. Because of the actions of this 11-year-old boy, nobody was injured and the damage was reduced significantly.

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